GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DEATH OF WILD ANIMALS DUE TO RAIL ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elephants, chitals and other wild animals run over so far by trains on the rail line passing through Rajaji National Park;

(b) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Railways for prevention of death of wild animals including elephants;

(c) whether the Ministry has requested the Rail Ministry to shift the railway line to some other place;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent such deaths?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) As reported by the State, the details of wild animals killed in Rajaji National Park in train accident during last three years are as follows:

Sl. No.	Date	Species/Sex
1.	22.11.2006	Sambhar (Male)
2.	27.11.2006	Sambhar (Female)
3.	08.03.2007	Leopard (Male)
4.	21.11.2008	Leopard calf (Female)

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) No, Sir

(d) Question does not arise

(e) The joint patrolling initiative taken by the Railways and State Forest Department has effectively minimized the accidental deaths.